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## PENSIEVES

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Note: The following begins what is anticipated to be a monthly series of items for use by diocesan editors as fillers or commentary on the Church scene. They may be used in part or in total. All that is asked is that a tag line be used: Pensieves, Chicago.

Item culled from the newspaper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago:

"At the parish carnival this year, the price at the youngsters' lemonade stand has gone up from 2 cents to 3 cents a glass. They now use Perrier water. . ." Panache has its price.

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It has been reported that "an informal gathering of feminists" in Philadelphia has found an answer to the dilemma posed by the London Times' decision not to accept the designation of Ms. in its style sheet. The Times holds the opinion that a person's marital status is an important piece of information. Since the English language lacks a male equivalent for either Miss or Mrs., the feminists propose that henceforth unmarried men be addressed as Mister (as in "missed her") and abbreviated as Mr. Married men would be addressed as Herman (as in "her man") and abbreviated Hrm. Pensieves acknowledges that Mister would also do for widowers. But what about widows? Missim (as in "miss him") abbreviated Msm?

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Asked how he knew when to sit, stand and kneel during an Episcopal Church service, the weathered old sea captain replied, "I just sit in the stern and rise and fall with the tide."

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For the data sheet: In a new book, "What is Happening to Clergy Marriages?" published by Abingdon Press of Nashville, it is reported that clergy rank in the top 10 in academic achievement on a list of 432 occupations, but they rank 325th in compensation level on the same list. Possibly has something to do with what is happening to clergy marriages.

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Discovered while looking up something else: Maundy Thursday in England was once called "Shear Thursday," because men used to trim their beards and cut their hair on that day "and generally tidied themselves in readiness for the great feast of Easter."

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Headline in a diocesan newspaper: "Krumm Might Call Women in Europe." That might be all right for the ones in France, since he's based in Paris. But what about the ones in England, Italy, Scandanavia, Austria. . . ?

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Even the Ku Klux Klan seems to plump for equal treatment. It has been reported that it declares itself to be an "equal opportunity employer" in a request to the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide the Klan with seamstresses to sew KKK trademark hoods and robes. Arizona rejected the request, which shows that at least one state in the Union knows that "as ye sew so shall ye reap."

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